GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3841
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2002
IRREGULARITIES IN GRANTING PERMISSION TO OPEN MEDICAL DENTAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Ministry Flouts MCI Rules: CBI` appearing in the `Statesman` dated March 17, 2002 in which CBI has alleged that several high level officials in his Ministry and top medical practitioners have indulged in granting approval for opening medical and dental colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether recommendations of the MCI have been flouted by the Government in granting permission to open new medical and dental colleges in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the responsibility fixed by the Government against the officials involved in granting approval to such colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. However, no reference has been received from CBI making such allegations.

(c) & (d) New medical and dental colleges are permitted with the approval of the competent authority after taking into account all the relevant factors including the reports of the concerned professional Councils.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) & (d) above.